



INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS

Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission  
v. Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

15 IBIA 77 (12/29/1986)

Reconsideration denied:  
15 IBIA 87



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS  
INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS  
4015 WILSON BOULEVARD  
ARLINGTON, VA 22203

GREAT LAKES INDIAN FISH  
AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION,  
Appellant

v.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY--  
INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Appellee

: Order Docketing and Dismissing  
: Appeal  
:  
:  
:  
: Docket No. IBIA 87-18-A  
:  
:  
: December 29, 1986

On December 22, 1986, the Board of Indian Appeals (Board) received a notice of appeal from the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (appellant). Appellant seeks review of an October 22, 1986, decision issued by the Assistant Secretary--Indian Affairs. The Assistant Secretary's decision affirmed in part and reversed in part decisions of the Minneapolis Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, concerning appellant's contract under the Indian Self-Determination Act, 25 U.S.C. §§450-450n, for fiscal year 1986.

The appeal is docketed under the above case name and number which should be cited in all future correspondence or inquiries regarding this matter.

A copy of the October 22, 1986, decision was attached to the notice of appeal. The decision was signed by the Assistant Secretary--Indian Affairs and states that it is final for the Department. Because the Assistant Secretary has the authority to issue decisions final for the Department, the Board does not have general review authority over such decisions, except as they are specially referred to it on a case-by-case basis or through rulemaking. See, e.g., Pueblo of Laguna v. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, 12 IBIA 80, 90 I.D. 521 (1983); 25 CFR 13.15. This matter has not been so referred to the Board.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, this appeal from the Assistant Secretary's October 22, 1986, decision is dismissed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
//original signed  
Anita Vogt  
Administrative Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
//original signed  
Kathryn A. Lynn  
Acting Chief Administrative Judge